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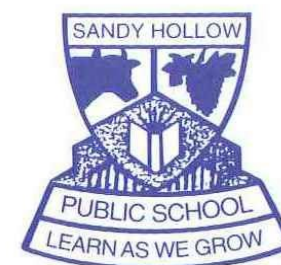
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With the temperature expected to rise into heat wave conditions by the end of the week, it is quite timely to think about our sun safe practices. Most children wear a hat at school and we thank parents for supporting our no hat, play in the shade policy. Please encourage your children to drink plenty of water at all times, but especially when it is so hot.

Collaborative Online Learning

Next week I will spend two days in Maitland developing my skills in collaborative online learning. These skills will allow our students to work on projects with students from other small schools. It will also allow me to set an online workspace for the Principal's of the small schools to share resources. One of the focusses of Strategic Direction 1 in our School Plan is to prepare our students to become 21st Century learners. This means that they need to not only be able to access and use technology, but they need to work collaboratively with others. We hope to set up our first project in term 1, 2016.

Presentation Night

Our eagerly anticipated Presentation Night is almost upon us. It will be held on Tuesday 1st December. Students will attend for half a day on that day, returning home at lunch time. An early bus run has been organised.

The night will begin at 6.30pm sharp. Please arrive a bit early. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, which includes black shoes and navy socks. Year 6 students will wear their Year 6 T-shirts. All families and friends are invited to come and join us as we celebrate the successes of our students over the past 12 months.

The night will conclude with supper. We would like all families to bring a plate of food to share. Please remember, the food must be nut free. Looking forward to everyone joining us on that night.

Movie Excursion

On Friday 4th December all students K-6 have been invited on an excursion to Singleton to go to see the movie Pan. We will be travelling by bus, and the students will be accompanied by Ms Higgins, Mrs Smith and Mrs Darlington.

We will be leaving school at 8.30am sharp and returning at approx. 2.30pm.

There is no cost for this excursion. At the beginning of the year, the SRC made a decision to use the funds raised at their fete for a whole school excursion at the end of the year. (continued over)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Interrelate at Denman PS

Thurs 19th Nov

Denman Rotary Dinner for Year 6

Wed 25th Nov

P&C Meeting

2pm Thurs 26th Nov

Presentation Night

Tues 1st Dec

6 for 6.30pm

All Welcome

Canteen

November 23rd - Amanda Thompson

Nov 30th - Katie Thompson

Claim the Date

- Swim School begins Wed 2nd Dec
- End of year excursion Wed 4th Dec
- Year 5/6 School Farewell Wed 9th Dec

Permission notes have been included in today's newsletter and need to be returned by Friday 27th November.

Swimming

Information and permission notes for our annual learn to swim program were sent home last week. Notes and money are due back by Friday 27th November.

Thank you to those families who have already returned theirs.

End of Year Rollover

As our financial year draws to a close and we prepare to rollover into next year, we would appreciate all outstanding invoices be paid by 27th November. A statement of account went home with last week's newsletter. Thank you from Mrs Rose.

Christina Darlington - Principal

K/1 News

This Terms Biological science unit, Watch it Grow, has given our class the opportunity to enjoy the company of some extra characters in our classroom.

At the beginning of the term we had some silkworms, eggs and a cocoon. Now after 21 days of anticipation, a bantam egg has hatched, and we now have 'Rodney' the chicken.



Rodney has a lot to say, chirping for most of the day, between little naps and eating. For Sport the children have had a great time learning some cricket skills with the wonderful Milo Cricket coaches. For the next few weeks we'll be doing yoga (in the cool of our classroom), followed up by swimming in Denman for 10 days. Both Kinder and Year 1 are in the midst of Maths investigations. Kinder are applying their knowledge of ordinal numbers and grouping to scenarios based on 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Year 1 are having a great time, developing Breakfast Bar menus, putting their developing knowledge of money to use.

Ms Higgins and Ms Bullock

Weekly Awards

- Andrew Harris - outstanding effort in drumming.
- Declan Adams - great drumming skills.
- Livianna Craig - respectful participation during Remembrance Day service.

Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Riley Borradaile - wonderful computer work in his maths investigation and Isabelle Pike - creating a terrific menu on the computer.

3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Angus Higgins, Jacob Marsh, Hunter Marsh, Jake Pike, Amy Thompson, Kirsty Walker, Isabella Wallace and Sam Thompson - outstanding effort at Remembrance Day ceremony.

Student of the Week



Cambell Hinze

Sports Person of the Week



Tyson Marsh

Additions & Attachments

- Some receipts.
- Interrelate information - please ring Denman School.
- Cinema excursion permission note.

Kindergarten Orientation

As the weeks go by Gabbie, Isabella, Taylan, Thomas and Shykiah continue to grow in confidence both in the classroom and the playground. While working through literacy, numeracy, art and co-operation activities within the classroom setting, they are interacting with their peers and friends, therefore also developing socialisation skills.

Each child continues to listen while Mrs Smith explains the 'focus of the week'. Today they participated in some role plays based on what we should do if we need to interrupt someone.

Our last Kindergarten Orientation day is Wednesday 25th November.

Peer Support

On Wednesday afternoon the whole school met under the COLA for an outline of the focus of the week, 'Interrupting'.

Our new kindergartens were very knowledgeable and confidently supplied many of the answers. Following discussions and role plays the children formed their groups. They then participated in 4 activities. They were all keen to become involved and supported one another very well.

Interrupting

Decide if you need to. Discuss when it is appropriate to interrupt (e.g. when you need help the person you want to talk to isn't looking at you).

Walk to the person.

Wait. Emphasise the importance of waiting without talking. Tell the children to wait until the person stops talking and looks at you.

Say "excuse me". Discuss how to know the person is ready to hear you (the person looks at you). The children can then ask what they need to.

Above is an explanation of how we teach the children this skill effectively and politely. Please practice this at home if a situation arises.

Thank you.

Pauline Bullock - K/1/2 teacher



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add veg to a barbecue.

The weather is warming up and so are the backyard barbecues. But it need not be an entirely meat affair. Here are some ideas for adding healthy veg to the barbie:



Kebabs - capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms work well. Add to pork, chicken or lamb.

Chips - slice potato or sweet potato, and grill on the hotplate.

Salad - grab some green leaves and toss in tomato, cucumber, carrot, beans, capsicum or whatever takes your fancy!

Veggie sticks and dip - chop up carrot, cucumber, and celery sticks to dip in yummy hummus, or an eggplant or beetroot dip.

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The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

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